

**FORM B - BUILDING**Assessor's #  
**115-1B**USGS Quad  
**Whitman**

Area

Form #  
**27**

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
Massachusetts Archives Building  
220 Morrissey Boulevard  
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Town **Hanson**

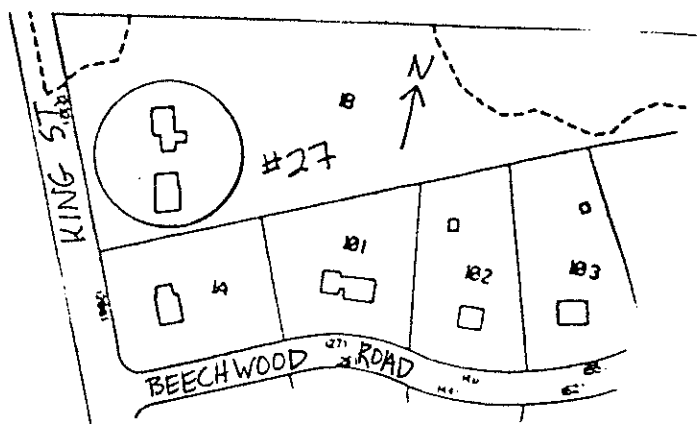
Place

Address **232 King Street**Historic Name **House House**Use: Present **residence**Original **residence**Date **1848**Source **maps & White's Houses**Style/Form **Greek Revival/gable block**Architect **N/A**

Exterior Material:

Foundation **granite**Wall/Trim **clapboard**Roof **wood shingles**Outbuildings **barn**Major Alterations **none**Condition **excellent**Moved **no**Acreage **3.65 acres**Setting **rural residential**

## Sketch Map

Recorded by **Dempsey/Driemeyer**Organization **Hanson Historical  
Commission**Date **May 1996**

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The House at 232 King Street is a well-preserved, modest, one-and-one-half story gable block in the Greek Revival style. The form is suggestive of the Cape Cod house which was especially popular in Hanson in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries but the ornament is characteristic of the Greek Revival style. Unusually, the five-bay wide by two-pile deep gable block has a center chimney, characteristic of the cape, but the additional massing elements and decorative detailing are indicative of its mid-nineteenth century construction date. The additional massing elements include the one-and-one-half story service wing and the pair of sizable front gabled dormers. The over-scaled, Greek Revival styled decorative detailing includes a slightly projecting wide, molded entablature, Tuscan pilasters, and sidelights framing the center entry; a wide, molded entablature; and corner boards. This well-maintained clapboarded house has a full-story under the wing's rear elevation because of the lot's steep incline at that location. The nearby one-story gabled barn has an attached one-story shed on the left-side elevation. The house and site retain much of their original nineteenth-century rural setting.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Throughout the nineteenth century and even well into the twentieth century King Street remained sparsely developed with less than a hand-full of small-scale houses (see form no. 28). The northern half of King Street still remains sparsely developed and lined with wooded areas. Historic maps indicate a house has been on this property since before 1830. Joseph White indicates this house was built in 1848, by Samuel House, replacing an earlier dwelling that was razed. His source was Samuel T. House whose family had owned the property since before 1830. At the turn-of-the-century the house is occupied by Samuel T. House, who is listed as a farmer in the city directory. In 1903 the moderately valued buildings included the house (\$550), barn (\$200) and hen house (\$20). Livestock included a horse, a cow and 10 fowl. The 22 acres of assessed land included English mowing and tilling; pasture, wood, young wood (the largest area at eight acres) and fresh meadow.

## REFERENCES

- Smith, Plan of Hanson, 1830
- Walling, Map of Hanson, 1856
- Walker, Atlas of Plymouth County, 1879
- Richards, Atlas of Plymouth County, 1903
- White, Houses of Hanson
- Town of Hanson Valuation Lists, 1834, 1856, 1879, 1903

☒ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. See NR Criteria Statement form.

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## National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form



Check all that apply:

☒ Individually eligible.  
☐ Contributing to a potential district.

☐ Eligible only in a historic district.  
☐ Potential historic district.

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by **Dempsey/Driemeyer**.

This property is significant as a well-preserved example of early building patterns in the town of Hanson, in a settlement configuration distinctive to the town and probably the region. Among the best examples of its type in town, it may be individually eligible but should be evaluated for its role in potential districts when its neighbors can be examined more carefully. The property meets criteria A and C at the local level and retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.